

REMARKS

Claims 2, 5-10, 12, and 16, and amended claims 1 and 4 are in this application.

Claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12, and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,589,892 (Knee et al.), U.S. Patent No. 5,047,867 (Strubbe et al.), and U.S. Patent No. 6,424,790 (Ishii et al.).

Amended independent claim 1 now recites in part as follows:

“said display control means further capable of displaying a command area to display items for selecting a manipulation command,

wherein the information pertaining to the respective recording medium on which the respective program is recorded and the respective start position and end position thereof on the respective recording medium and the command area are all displayable on a single image so as to be viewable by the user”
(Underlining and bold added for emphasis.)

It is respectfully submitted that the proposed combination of Knee, Strubbe, and Ishii does not specifically disclose the above features of amended independent claim 1. Accordingly, amended claim 1 is believed to be distinguishable from the proposed combination of Knee, Strubbe, and Ishii.

For reasons similar to those described above with regard to claim 1, amended independent claim 4 is also believed to be distinguishable from the proposed combination of Knee, Strubbe, and Ishii.

Claims 2, 5-10, 12, and 16 are dependent from one of independent claims 1 and 4 and, due to such dependency, are also believed to be distinguishable from the proposed combination of Knee, Strubbe, and Ishii for at least the reasons previously described.

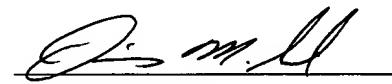
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In the event that the Examiner disagrees with any of the foregoing comments concerning the disclosures in the cited prior art, it is requested that the Examiner indicate where in the reference or references, there is the bases for a contrary view.

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